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► Moncton Wildcats winger Olivier D'Aoust tries to corral a rebound in front of Mooseheads goalie Frédéric Piché during last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Moose let a 3-1 lead slip away and lost in overtime 4-3. Story, page 24.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Mayor not going anywhere

► But HRM's deputy CAO will 'retire' in light of concert cash handout ► Anstey staying on until June 30 to help new CAO acclimatize ► Worked 33 years for municipality

A day after the cash advance scandal went public, HRM's acting chief administrator announced his retirement.

But Mayor Peter Kelly said he won't be following suit.

"Given the issues of the last couple of days, I felt it was the right thing to do — for me personally, for my organization, and for the community that I serve," Anstey said in a statement released yesterday afternoon.

Council has learned Anstey went against policy and gave concert promoter Harold MacKay an unauthorized \$400,000 forgivable grant to ensure the concerts on the Halifax Common would go on last summer.

MacKay said the plug would be pulled if he didn't get more money.

Anstey said he believed he was making the right choice for HRM. The municipality had already invested \$1.8 million in the concerts. That money was paid back.

"Of course, if I had to do it over again, I would do things differently," his statement read.

Along with Anstey, Kelly faced a lot of

"It is with mixed emotions that I today tendered my intention to retire to Halifax regional council."

WAYNE ANSTEY, HRM ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



criticism yesterday.

"They made the decision which breaks the HRM charter and the mayor is in abuse of his office," said Coun. Sue Uteck. "Wayne Anstey wouldn't do this on his own."

Kelly said he attended several meetings with the promoter, but was only aware of the cash advance after it happened.

"After the meeting they went away and Mr. Anstey reviewed options or opportunities and he made the decision," Kelly said. "He and only he made that decision and he didn't ask for consent, nor was it given."

Kelly said he won't resign and only voters will determine his fate. **JENNIFER TAPLIN**

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Concert cash scandal irks taxpayer group

► Advance of \$400,000 to concert promoter Harold MacKay was 'abuse of money': Taxpayers Federation ► Two \$200,000 repayable grants paid to Power Promotional Events for Halifax Rocks and Country Rockfest



► The Black Eyed Peas perform on the Halifax Common last July.

Secret meetings and hidden money are not cool, says the Atlantic Canada director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"This is (an) egregious breach of spending at city hall and that debate should have been held in public where taxpayers can see what happened with their money," Kevin Lacey said yesterday regarding the concert cash advance scandal.

Deputy CAO Wayne Anstey brought up his giving the payments for the concerts to a colleague, who passed the information on to the auditor general. The audit committee had a look at it last week and council debated it for



► Harold MacKay

several hours in secret on Tuesday afternoon.

Coun. Jackie Barkhouse motioned for council to debate the issue publicly, but she was voted down. Coun. Gloria McCluskey told reporters she wanted a press conference, but it too was shot down.

A staff report was pub-

Munroe

► The auditor general's office said Larry Munroe was too busy yesterday for media interviews.

lically released without debate at the end of the council meeting on Tuesday night.

"There was an obvious attempt here to hide the fact that money was being given to concerts. I think that raises the question of what else is going on at city hall with our money," Lacey said. "Moving it to the auditor general was the right approach. Let's get to the bottom of this and have the full examination of the is-

sues."

Auditor general Larry Munroe is also looking at another policy violation in relation to support for concert promoters.

Mayor Peter Kelly said yesterday he previously signed a contract that allowed Ticket Atlantic to forward advances in ticket sales, which was recently red-flagged by the auditor general.

Kelly said the contract had been approved by the legal department so he thought it was allowable according to HRM policy, when in fact it wasn't.

"It needs to be reviewed so that doesn't happen again," Kelly said.

► JENNIFER TAPLIN

Smaller council still desired, poll finds

Most HRM residents still want the size of its council to shrink, a new poll finds.

The survey conducted by Corporate Research Associates says 70 per cent are opposed to council's decision to maintain the status quo of 23 councillors plus the mayor.

The poll of 403 adults conducted last month shows 23 per cent support the status quo and seven per cent don't know or wouldn't given an answer.

In November, 69 per cent were opposed when asked the same question.

The February poll carries a margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.9 per cent. ► METRO

14 The average for what the appropriate number of councillors would be for HRM.

Charges in knife incident

Police in Halifax say a man faces charges after two people were cut with a knife during a quarrel at Saint Mary's University.

Police say the 22-year-old is accused of assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

A group of people was walking in the tunnel of the Loyola Residence at about 10 p.m. Monday when an argument turned physical.

University spokesman Steve Proctor has said one person was slashed in the back, while the other tried to grab the knife and cut his hand.

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Fatal fire under study

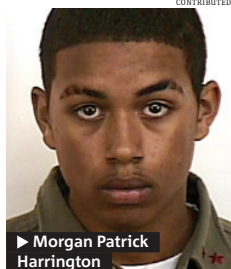
Police are investigating a fatal fire in Enfield early yesterday morning.

The RCMP say 55-year-old Stephen Barter was the only person in the home at 15 Joshua St. The blaze began just after 5 a.m.

Investigators are now trying to determine the cause of the fire, which gutted the home.

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Hunt for shooting suspect continues



► Morgan Patrick Harrington

Police were still trying last night to track down the 16-year-old they allege shot at two people outside of Citadel High School on Monday afternoon.

Morgan Patrick Harrington is facing 10 charges in total, including two counts of attempted murder.

"We have checked a number of locations but we haven't been able to find

Warning

► Police say Morgan Patrick Harrington is dangerous and anyone who encounters him should avoid contact and call police.

him yet," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter. "We are actively seeking him."

In a rare move, HRP have released the youth's name and photograph.

Temporary permission from the courts to release Harrington's information — normally protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act — was granted by a judge on Tuesday.

The ban lasts for five days, or until the youth is arrested. ► PHILIP CROUCHER

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**RCMP:
Death of
woman a
homicide**

Nova Scotia RCMP say they are treating the death of a woman in Antigonish as a homicide.

Police say a 47-year-old man was taken into custody, though no charges have been laid.

Officers responded to a 911 call early yesterday regarding a disturbance at a home.

They found a 42-year-old woman suffering from life-threatening injuries at the scene.

She died in hospital about two hours later.

RCMP have not said how she died.

Sgt. Brigid Leger says the victim and the man who was taken into custody were known to each other, but she won't disclose the nature of their relationship.

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More charges in gang war

► Police believe gang members involved are associated with rival drug families, the Melvins and Marriotts ► Three now charged in Hatcher killing

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Police say the two additional charges they have laid in connection with the murder of Brandon Hatcher have disrupted gang activity in the Spryfield area.

"We think we made a dent in what they're doing," Halifax Regional Police Supt. Stephen Sykes said at a press conference yesterday. "They're running drugs and they're running guns."

Hatcher was shot on Lavender Walk in Spryfield on Dec. 3 in what police say was a competing youth gang incident.

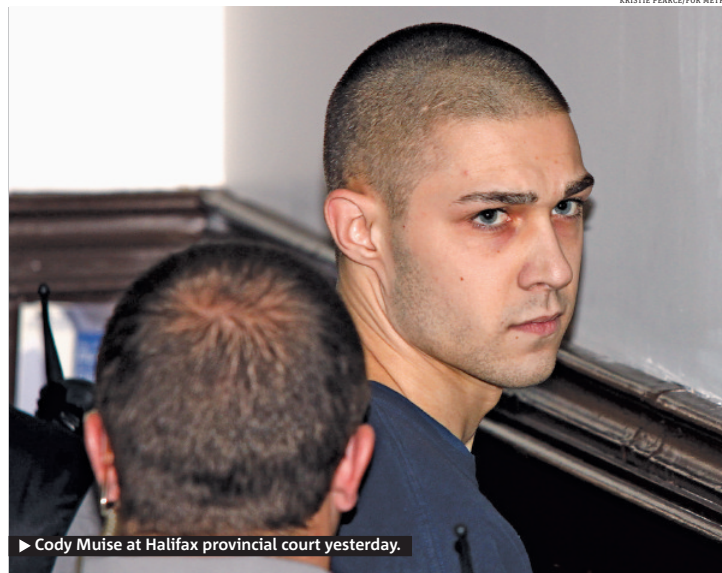
Cody Muise, 21, and a 17-year-old male whose name is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act were recently arrested and charged yesterday with first-degree murder.

An 18-year-old male, whose identity is protected because he was a youth at the time, was charged with the same offence on March 8.

Police say the investigation is not over and allege there are still several more people who assisted the three either before or after the murder.

They warn that anyone else involved is facing an accessory to murder charge.

Police now say there is a link between Hatcher's



► Cody Muise at Halifax provincial court yesterday.

death and two other shootings. The first took place two-and-a-half hours prior the same night in Cowie Hill and the other Oct. 16 involving a female victim in Spryfield.

Hatcher himself was charged with two accounts of attempted murder relating to an incident in 2009, but those were dropped the next year after a preliminary hearing was held.



"We know there are other groups out there that are involved in the drug trade and with the drug trade comes guns, comes theft, comes armed robberies ... so it will continue and we'll continue to stay on top of it."

RCMP INSP. KEN GOODINE

Accused

- Cody Muise made a brief appearance in provincial court yesterday and will return March 30 to set a date for a preliminary hearing.
- Muise has past criminal convictions and is set to go to trial on May 3 on charges of robbery and assault with a weapon stemming from an incident on Dec. 13.
- He's been remanded to the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside.

Melvin gets new jail time

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Jimmy Melvin Jr. has been sentenced to 12 months behind bars.

Melvin Jr., who is already serving time at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside, was handed the new jail time yesterday at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

The notorious Halifax crime figure was sentenced to different amounts of jail time totalling one year for various offences, including assaulting three prison guards in the Cape Breton Correctional Facility in Sydney on June 5.



► Jimmy Melvin Jr.

He was also sentenced on one count of uttering death threats.

Melvin Jr.'s lawyer Josh Arnold said yesterday that no credit for time already in custody was given.

● PHILIP CROUCHER

Ex-priest faces more charges

An additional 10 charges have been laid against a former priest in the diocese of Yarmouth, bringing to 50 the number of sex-related charges Albert LeBlanc faces.

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Chase leads to arrest

The RCMP say a police chase has resulted in a 17-year-old youth facing several charges including flight from police and uttering death threats.

Police say an officer saw a van driving over the speed limit and a chase ensued. ● METRO

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Election could stall funding: Premier

► Proposed Halifax convention centre has mid-April deadline

A federal election would stall funding decisions on two major projects in Nova Scotia, Premier Darrell Dexter warned yesterday.

Dexter said he hoped to hear from Ottawa soon on potential funding for a downtown convention centre in Halifax and a request for a loan guarantee to back the proposed \$6.2-billion Lower Churchill hydroelectric deal with Newfoundland and Labrador.

"We're hopeful that we are going to hear from them before (federal) bud-

Contribution

► **Agreement** The province and the municipality have agreed to contribute \$56 million each toward the proposed downtown convention centre

et day," Dexter told reporters. The premier said under federal election rules, any funding decisions would be placed on hold over the period of an election.

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► Premier Darrell Dexter

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News in brief



► Percy Paris

Tories vow bill on MLAs in ads

SPRING. The Tories announced yesterday they'll introduce legislation in the spring sitting of the House of Assembly prohibiting government advertising from featuring cabinet ministers and MLAs. On Tuesday, Tory MLA

Chris d'Entremont said a minister appearing in a non-partisan government ad was a "slippery slope."

He was referring to Tourism Minister Percy Paris's appearance in a 31-second TV advertisement promoting My Nova Scotia competition.

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Man sentenced after assault

AGGRAVATED. A 21-year-old man has been sentenced to 18 months custody after pleading guilty earlier in Amherst to aggravated assault on a baby. The man, who was 20 at the time, has his identity protected by a publication ban. **AMHERST DAILY NEWS**

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► Growing number of countries send this message to their citizens in Japan ► Death toll to hit 10,000

Australia and Germany advised their citizens in Japan yesterday to consider leaving Tokyo and earthquake-hit areas, joining a growing number of governments and businesses telling their people to go.

Meanwhile, surging radiation at Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant forced Japan to order workers to temporarily withdraw from the plant. The workers were ordered back later.

Millions of people struggled for a fifth day with little food, water or heat. Police say more than 452,000 people are staying in shelters.

More than 4,300 people are officially listed as dead, but officials believe the toll will climb over 10,000.

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Canada watches

Canada's foreign affairs department says there is no change in its position regarding Canadians in Japan.

- Canada has already issued an advisory against non-essential travel to Japan.
- No evacuation is being planned at present, Ottawa says. Canadians wishing to leave Japan can do so by commercial means.
- Cirque du Soleil has decided to move its performers and staff working in Japan to Macau, a spokesperson says. Its show ZED has been based at Tokyo Disneyland and the touring KOOZA show was performing at the Fuji Dome in Tokyo.



► Raging tsunami torrents left ships piled up with houses and other debris in this photo taken yesterday in Kesennuma in Japan's Miyagi Prefecture.

'Samurai' fight invisible enemy — radiation

They risk explosions, fire and an invisible enemy — radiation that could kill quickly or decades later — as they race to avert disaster inside a dark, overheated nuclear plant.

The 180 emergency workers at Japan's crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi complex are emerging as public heroes in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami.

Dubbed by some as modern-day samurai, the

technicians were ordered back to work last night after a surge of radiation forced them to leave their posts for hours.

"I don't know any other way to say it, but this is like suicide fighters in a war," said Keiichi Nakagawa, associate professor of the department of radiology at the University of Tokyo Hospital.

Small teams of the still-anonymous emergency workers rush in and out



► The damaged No. 4 unit at the Fukushima complex.

for 10 to 15 minutes at a time to pump sea water into the plant's overheated reactors, monitor them and clear debris from explosions. Any longer would make their exposure to radioactivity too great.

The workers wear coveralls, full-face masks with filters, helmets and double-layer gloves when they enter areas risking radiation exposure.

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A silent killer

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► A decorated cake depicting Prince William and his fiancée, Kate Middleton, is seen in London yesterday.

Wedding gift of giving

► Prince William and Kate Middleton are asking for donations in lieu of presents ► Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary among chosen charities

Prince William and Kate Middleton yesterday became Britain's first royal couple to request charitable gifts in lieu of presents, seeking to pre-empt the tide of extravagant — and unusual — offerings that

typically flood in for a royal engagement.

The palace said the couple was "touched by the goodwill shown them," and selected 26 charities to benefit from a special charity gift fund.

William and his bride-to-be are said to be determined to make sure their April 29 wedding is not seen as overly ostentatious at a time when the British economy is hurting.

The charities they have

selected — including the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary — represent a range of issues.

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Europe seeks new rules for couples

Sometimes it's not just a question of who gets the house and who gets the dog, but of which country's courts get to decide.

The European Commission, saying the number of international couples is on the rise, has proposed new rules that would determine which country's laws apply when such a marriage or civil partnership

16 The commission said there are about 16 million international couples in the European Union.

ends. The proposal does not seek to make divorce and property laws the same in all European Union countries.

The aim is to prevent one half of the couple, often the wealthier member, from rushing to court in the country he or she thinks would be most advantageous.

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International pedophile ring busted: Police

► Victims between the ages of seven and 14 ► Online forum members could exchange abuse photos, video

Police said yesterday they have smashed a huge international pedophile ring, rescuing 230 children and arresting 184 suspects — including teachers and police officers.

The three-year investigation codenamed Operation Rescue identified and safeguarded children in more than 30 countries by arresting people suspected of abusing them, said Rob Wainwright, director of the European Union police agency Europol.

The ring was centred on an Amsterdam-based online forum called boylover.net, which Wainwright described as “probably the largest online

Online bust

Most of the 184 people arrested are suspected of direct involvement in sexually abusing children.

- Those arrested include teachers, police officers and scout leaders.
- One individual involved in youth camps is suspected of abusing some 100 children over five years.

pedophile network in the world.”

The heavily encrypted forum, whose administrator appeared in a Dutch court on Tuesday charged with sex offences, had up

to 70,000 members.

The investigation was led by Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre but involved agencies as far away as Australia, the United States and Thailand.

Peter Davies of the British child protection centre said there would be more arrests.

“Those who have been members of the site can expect a knock on the door in the very near future,” he said.

Wainwright said the site was designed as a discussion forum where pedophiles could “share their sexual interest in young boys.” **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Harper reveals the cost of fighting crime

► Government releases estimates for its law-and-order agenda ► Contempt hearings get underway

The Harper government has done an 11th-hour about-face in its showdown with Parliament and released what it says are detailed cost estimates of its law-and-order agenda.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the thick stacks of documents put the cost of anti-crime legislation at \$631 million — on top of \$2.1 billion already announced for expanded prisons.

The move follows last week's unprecedented rebuke of the minority Conservative government by Commons Speaker Peter Milliken, who ruled that the government breached



parliamentary privilege by refusing to fully disclose full cost estimates for its justice agenda, corporate tax cuts and plans to pursue

chase stealth fighter jets.

Yesterday's document dump came as the Commons procedure and House affairs committee began three days of hearings into whether the Harper government and a cabinet minister are in contempt of Parliament. The release may help derail opposition efforts to hold the government in contempt.

The hearings opened as all parties prepare for an election that could be triggered as early as next week — either over next Tuesday's budget or a Liberal confidence motion.

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Youth. Sports



Putting up money for noggins

Gary Lunn, minister of state for sports, announced yesterday in Montreal — where hockey head injuries have been a hot topic — that the government is committing \$5 million to prevent injuries in youth sports. The two-year plan aims to promote safety and reduce preventable injuries, including concussions.

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Man sues over Air India case

One of two men acquitted in the 1985 Air India bombings is suing federal

and provincial justice officials. Ajaib Singh Bagri has filed a civil lawsuit in B.C.

Supreme Court over his arrest and trial for murder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mobius Environmental Awards Call for Nominations



Do you know, or are you, an innovative individual or organization that has made Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction?

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The Mobius Environmental Awards luncheon will be held June 7, 2011 at Pier 21 in Halifax. **Let's recognize those who help Nova Scotia be a global leader in waste diversion!**

For more details, please visit www.rrfb.com/mobius or call 1-877-313-RRFB (7732).

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 22, 2011.

TEEN KILLED HIS SISTER

Murderer mentally ill: Court

A Quebec court has concluded that severe mental illness caused a man to brutally kill his younger sister, and that he was not criminally responsible.

Maor Attar has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and was not of sound mind when

he attacked his teen sister Shirel last August.

Attar, 19, agreed to certain facts during a heartbreaking hearing.

He broke down the door of his sister's bedroom. He then stabbed her 51 times and struck her with a hammer 40 times.

Attar then consumed paint-thinner in an attempt to commit suicide, leaving a rambling two-page letter at the scene.

Police found him hours after the grisly discovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quake shuts Quebec's tremor info site

A minor earthquake, with an estimated 4.3 magnitude, has been detected in western Quebec.

Natural Resources Canada says the quake was centred in Lachute, Que., between Ottawa and Montreal, and struck this afternoon about 1:36 p.m.

The ground started shaking and stopped after about 10 seconds.

The quake was felt as far away as the western suburbs of Montreal, in Cornwall, Ont., and by some people in Ottawa.

There were no immediate reports of damage.

It appeared the one casualty was the federal website intended to keep Canadians informed about earthquakes.

Last time there was a tremor in the region, last June, it froze the website for Earthquakes Canada.

The federal site was brought to its knees again yesterday. Many visitors seeking information were greeted by blank screens and the site was occasionally working, but only intermittently, after 2 p.m.

As it did last year, the U.S. Geological Survey's website continued running yesterday and provided information. The agency pegged the magnitude at 3.7.

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ACHING FOR SUMMER'S FIRST SWEET KISS

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



For a country that's in one hemisphere, Canada sure seems bipolar sometimes.

We're the only country in the world proud to be humble. We puff out our chests at our democratic values but sulk like children when it's time to vote. And here's the big contradiction this time of year: We embrace the myth of the lone and rugged, snow-loving Canadian outdoorsman, while we actually ache for the sweet kiss of summer.

If our schoolbooks and Roll Up The Rim commercials are to be believed, then we should be out in the wilderness right now, starting fires by knocking caribou antlers together and portaging

our pemmican with the other voyageurs. In truth, the only survivor skills most know is that if you're stuck in a blizzard you should use your lightsaber to cut open your Tauntaun.

We spend the whole winter in shopping malls. We curse every snowfall except the first one and, if we're feeling the spirit, a light dusting before Christmas.

We can't handle winter and, in fact, act each year like we've never seen it before, rushing headlong into car accidents, heart attacks and that hilarious fall where you do a Russian kick dance before you hit the ground. If you do it right, your briefcase opens and the pages of your

annual report go everywhere.

This seasonal amnesia sounds like classic denial to me — perhaps brought on by Post-Traumatic Snow Disorder.

And now comes spring, but not soon enough. Weather patterns differ across the country — Vancouverites will be laughing so hard at Halifax by mid-April that foamed milk will come out their nose — but right now everybody is in the same boat: The temperature dances about in the single digits and everybody stares mournfully at the sky.

The street is filled with season-pushers, dressed in skirts and light jackets, hoping that if we all dress like it's warm we might ac-

tually fool Mother Nature.

We like to criticize young people because, once it's 5 C, we can find guys outside bars wearing little more than cologne, alongside women in short skirts, whose length of exposed leg provides a quick measurement on The Likelihood Of Bad Life Decisions.

But in truth we're all in the same boat, dressed suggestively for Mother Nature and hoping she might give us a little somethin' somethin' to remember her by.

When it finally warms up, we can then, and only then, embrace our outdoorsman image. Unless there are insects. Then we'll be inside.

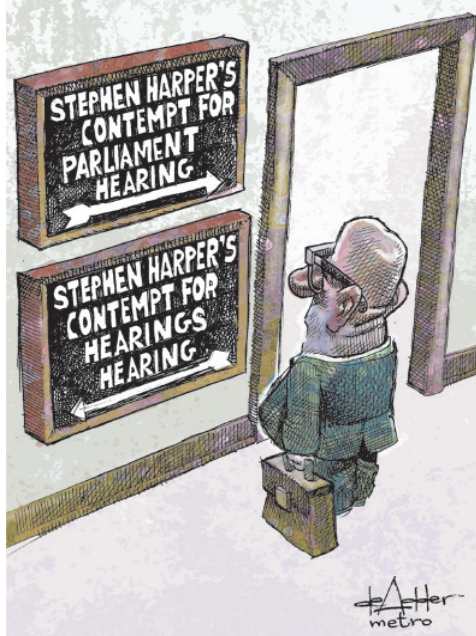
"This seasonal amnesia sounds like classic denial to me ..."



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2011: A Space Odyssey

Worth mentioning

The first humanoid robot ever launched into space is finally free.

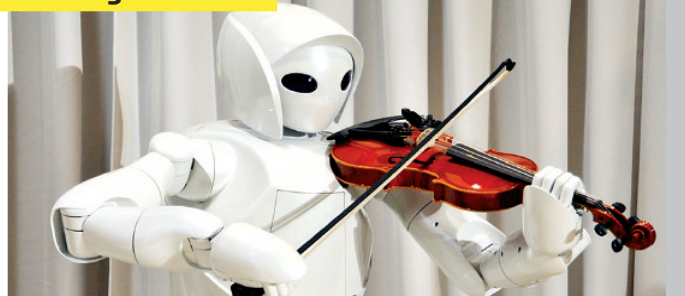
Astronauts at the International Space Station unpacked Robonaut Tuesday, 2½ weeks after its arrival via shuttle Discovery. NASA broadcast the humorous unveiling ceremony yesterday.

American Catherine Coleman and Italian Paolo Nespoli pried off the lid of the robot's packing box, as though they were opening a coffin. TV cameras showed lots of foam inside, but no robot.

"It's like unearthing a mummy," radioed a payload controller at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

"Well, at least the mum-

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my would be here," Coleman replied. "We just have an empty box where Robonaut is supposed to be."

Robonaut — also known as R2 — was spotted a minute later in front of a work station.

"I'd like to introduce you to the newest member of our crew," Coleman said.

"We're going to see

what Robonaut can do."

The payload controller asked if R2 was related to HAL, the sinister computer with artificial intelligence from the 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

"Since we found him already controlling the space station, we're sure that he is related to HAL. But we'll see," Coleman said.

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Metro Minute with Halifax Rainmen

It's Windjammers Throwback Night at the Metro Centre today when the Halifax Rainmen host the Saint John Mill Rats at 7 p.m. The Rainmen will wear replica Windjammers jerseys to honour the first professional basketball team that played in Halifax in the early 1990s.

The organization has invited former Windjam-

mers players and staff to join in on the festivities.

The Rainmen are fourth in the Premier Basketball League standings with an 8-7 record. The Rainmen are offering all game tickets at a discounted price of \$9.50 apiece. To purchase tickets, visit any Ticket Atlantic location of the Metro Centre box office.

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► Rainmen forward Marshall Brown drives to the basket earlier this season.

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Scene in brief



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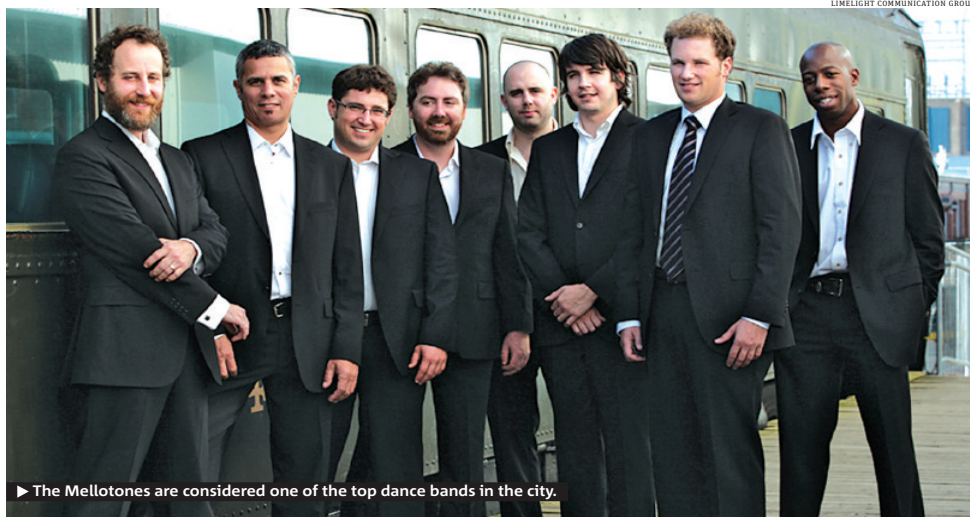
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Elvis Week to feature concert with virtual Elvis; Sam Phillips movie, vigil also scheduled

Mellotones keep you dancing

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► The Mellotones are considered one of the top dance bands in the city.

BACKSTAGE PASS

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After almost 15 years in the Halifax music scene, The Mellotones need no introduction. Though thriving as a "dance band," front man Jeff Mosher tells me covering the classics isn't all sunshine and lollipops.

"There's been criticism

for not having original material," Mosher says. "But we're always finding something you haven't heard, or something that was sampled by a rapper that is a great song in its own right. That's our creative outlet."

Mosher and his saxophone joined the group in 2000, eventually providing backup vocals but can now be found front and centre.

"I still feel that I'm in the same role," Mosher explains. "I can chime in with the horn lines, and when I'm not needed on the horns, I'm singing."

Mosher and the rest of

the boys have shared the stage with artists both local and legendary.

"I've been playing as a side man pretty much my whole career," he says. "I've played alongside Matt Minglewood, Dutch Robinson and (the Mellotones) were on stage for Dave Foster's gala."

Foster, a legendary music producer, songwriter, music executive and general big shot, visited Halifax in 2008 to host David Foster and Friends Charity Gala, bringing in names like Natalie Cole and Lionel Richie. No Big Deal.

In short — it was a notable and well deserved honour in the career's of the boys in this group.

Their passion extends even further into their daytime professions.

"Everybody in the band is full time music," Mosher points out. "Teaching it, playing it, recording it, or just living it."

Adding more to their plates, the boys have been working on original material and look to release something in the near future.

"But for now you can catch us live," Mosher says. "You can count on that."

Fashion, dance mix together

Halifax Dance company members in residence, Young Company, professional models and special guests will present dancer performances and showcase fashions from local merchants and designers. With a cocktail reception, featuring the culinary talents of RCR catering, a complimentary wine tasting presented by Bishop's Cellar, topped off with a silent auction, this is sure to be a night to remember.

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Steadfast growth ahead: TD

The Canadian economy will overcome any effects from the crisis in Japan and expand faster than was expected a few months ago, TD Bank predicts.

The bank's new forecast has the economy growing strongly in the first half of this year and

slowing in the latter half. For the year, TD expects the economy will expand by three per cent, half a point more than its previous estimate and 0.6 percentage points higher than the Bank of Canada's projection. The growth will be most prominent in Newfoundland and the Prairies, but Ontario's economy will also rise by 2.9 per cent, TD says.

TD's sunnier outlook stems from the strong 3.3 per cent growth in the fourth quarter.

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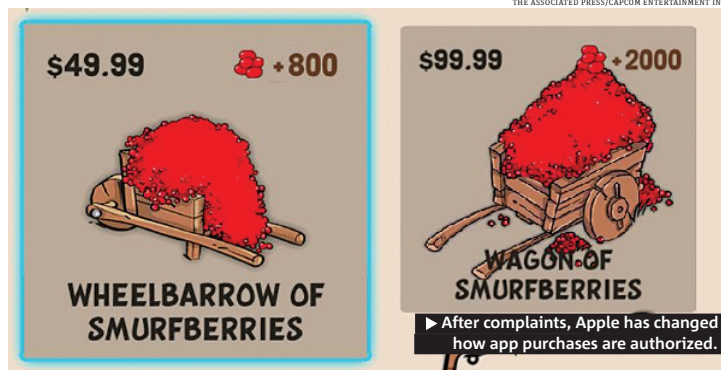
Apple kid-proofs iTunes purchases

► Parents dinged hundreds of dollars for wagonloads of Smurfberries

Apple Inc. has changed how purchases inside iPhone and iPad games are authorized after customers complained that their children were racking up hundreds of dollars in charges.

The issue was that after a user entered his or her iTunes password on a device, the device didn't prompt for the password again for 15 minutes. Any purchases went through without a new password prompt. This meant that parents who handed over their iPhones or iPads to their children were sometimes shocked by large bills for Smurfberries and other virtual bling.

After complaints from parents, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission looked into the issue. With the iOS 4.3 software update, Apple devices have one



15-minute password-free timer for the App Store and iTunes, and a separate one for in-app purchases.

The parents who complained received refunds from Apple for the inadvertent purchases.

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Xoom versus iPad: Tablet smackdown

Motorola Mobility Inc. will launch a Wi-Fi-only version of its Xoom tablet computer in the U.S. for \$599. The Xoom is a prominent competitor to Apple Inc.'s iPad.

The Wi-Fi-only iPad 2 with 32 gigabytes of flash memory, the same amount as the Xoom, also costs \$599 US.

Both tablets have fast dual-core processors and two cameras. But the Mo-

trola Mobility tablet runs Google Inc.'s Android software, while the iPad runs a version of the iPhone's software.

Manufacturers trying to take on the iPad have had a hard time matching the iPad's price, but that could change with the Xoom, which goes on sale March 27. There's no word yet of a Canadian release date.

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World Vision

Japan devastated by quake and tsunami



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World Vision needs your help to provide immediate humanitarian relief to the children and families of Japan.

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Cooper's life without limits

► As in his new movie, *Limitless*, actor and hunk Bradley Cooper is discovering just how far he can go



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There have been rumors that Bradley Cooper scored five million dollars to star in the sequel to his breakout film, *The Hangover*, but you honestly wouldn't know it, given his fondness for freebies.

When we caught up with him while he was promoting his new film, *Limitless*, he was lounging on a couch in the Trump Soho Hotel with a backpack by his feet. The logo on the bag looked familiar. We asked if it was from one of his other recent films.

"The A-Team? Yeah, I love it. It's the greatest. You wanna see it?" Cooper says, excitedly pulling it over so that we can take a look at the military grade sack with the logo from last year's summer blockbuster, in which Cooper al-

so starred.

"All I wear is stuff from movies," he confesses of the free promotional items from major studio films like, well, almost every film he's been in lately.

Now Cooper is the leading man in *Limitless*, as a struggling writer who suddenly becomes a power player once he stumbles on a drug that allows him access to his brain's fullest potential.

The immediate success that the fictional drug, NZT, brings his character in the film to mirror Cooper's own fast shot to fame, though he did so without any kind of chemical aid. We had to ask: do the most famous actors and actresses become successful because they're truly the best at what they do?

"Isn't it like what Oprah said? Luck is opportunity meets preparation," Cooper says.



► Bradley Cooper is a struggling writer in *Limitless*.



► Ne-Yo says his next album will be more focussed.

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Ne-yo blames album slump on being distracted

Ne-Yo's first three albums were Grammy Award-nominated, platinum successes. His latest effort, *Libra Scale*, could still be up for a Grammy next year, but it's miles away from reaching platinum status.

Since its November release, the disc has sold only 277,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan, which tracks music sales.

Ne-Yo says when recording *Libra Scale*, he focused more on the music videos instead of dedi-

cating time to the songs.

"I was so focused on the story line that the album is based off of," said Ne-Yo, who co-directed the video clips with Wayne Isham.

Ne-Yo also appears in the alien invasion sci-fi film *Battle: Los Angeles*, which hit No. 1 at the box office over the weekend. He filmed the movie over the summer, when he also was working on *Libra Scale*.

"You know, I was kind of back and forth with (both projects)," he said.

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[@jessicaalba] heading back to the big apple 4 a quick trip. need a late night restaurant suggestion. got any?



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[@bobsaget] Having lunch with my mother. She had the chicken salad. And this is the story of how I fed my mother...
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Selena Gomez: Not easy dating Bieber

Selena Gomez admits that dating Justin Bieber can be difficult, thanks to his overzealous fans and their tendency to lash out online.

"It's hard," she says during an interview with radio station Z100 in New York. "It does hurt my feelings a lot, but I try not to focus on it."

But at least Gomez understands where they're coming from, having been there herself.

"I will say that I agree with them sometimes," she says. "I loved Jesse McCartney. I was obsessed with him. He dated Katie Cassidy when he was 16 or 17. I hated her — absolutely hated her. I was mortified that he was with Katie and I wanted to be with him. He was my screen saver!"

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Katy Perry's mom writes memoir

Katy Perry's mom, Mary Hudson, is writing a tell-all book detailing how her daughter's fame has impacted her life, according to the New York Post.

"This memoir is her story, in her own words. Mary and Keith Hudson have been Christian Evangelists long before the world ever heard of

Katy Perry," a source explains.

"Amid a torrent of negative reports from magazines and entertainment shows, Mary Hudson wants to tell 'her story' and dispel a lot of rumours. Katy's success has impacted her ministry in both negative and positive ways." ● METRO

Wedding date soon for Reese

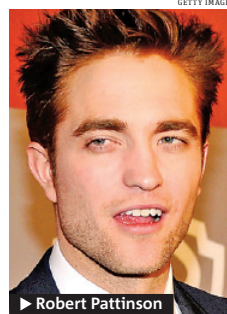
- Plans to wed fiancé Jim Toth at her California ranch
- Ceremony is planned for next week

Reese Witherspoon is reportedly hard at work putting the finishing touches on a private wedding for herself and fiancé Jim Toth, according to Radar Online. And it's happening soon. The secret ceremony, which will be held on her Ojai, Calif., ranch, is reportedly set for March 26. "Candles and flowers will be everywhere, in white and pastels, for an intimate feeling," sources say of the planned event. Witherspoon and Toth will tie the knot in front of about 100 guests, sources say. ● METRO



► Reese Witherspoon

Pattinson stays on the move



► Robert Pattinson

Robert Pattinson has been raking in the dough for his work in the Twilight franchise, but he still hasn't been able to settle down. "I'm afraid of buying a house or anything because if there's one paparazzo outside for one day, then they'll never leave," he tells Vanity Fair.

"The best way to deal with it is to move around all the time." Of course, Pattinson has to deal with

stalkers as well as photographers.

"It is weird. You have to wonder — what do they want? I can't really understand it even now," he says of his more obsessed fans. "It does have an angle, which is attached to something quite primal in girls. I guess people want it to define them, like, 'I'm a Twilight fan.' That's crazy to me."

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Community Spirit Award Winners Announced

The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award.

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TOP FIVE LOOKS OF THE SEASON

► Four weeks of runway shows across four fashion capitals are finally behind us



PRADA'S
pretty, lady-like looks

1 Miuccia Prada's autumn collection had a '60s-flavoured, lady-like prettiness to it that made an interesting contrast to the bold, in-your-face work she showed last season (the banana print and striped skirts you're seeing all over the magazines right now). Simple dresses with large, round gold buttons segued into printed belted versions with brightly coloured grids followed by a quirkily pretty series of frocks embellished with sheer, pastel-coloured paillettes that are sure to be a retail hit.



MARC JACOBS'S
trippy dots

2 Are polkadots the new stripes? The always directional Marc Jacobs took a stiff right turn away from the easy, floaty wind-machine dresses he showed last season. His new collection was about more structured looks in futuristic silhouettes with loads of circle-shaped sequins, paillettes and latex appliques. That means you can pretty much guarantee that the season's trend for shiny, shimmery looks will be fairly huge next fall.



JASON WU'S
cool take on embellishments and tailoring

3 Autumn/winter 2011 is going to be all about the details, from the crystal embroidery on an otherwise modest blouse to a strip of lace running down the sleeves of a coat to the floral appliques on a simple, body-sculpting dress. Jason Wu's collection, which had all three, was one of the best examples of this trend. His clothes also fell right in line with the mannish tailoring trend, which will also be huge for fall.



ALEXANDER WANG'S
tough and sporty sweater dresses

4 If last season was a shaky departure from the trademark, much loved look he calls Models Off Duty, this collection was a return to his usual too-cool-for-school form. The show had all of the Wangisms we've grown to love. His trademark tough and sporty sensibility was in full effect. But there was a more mature, sophistication to the clothes too.



FENDI'S
plays on texture

5 Karl Lagerfeld's collection with its subtle sense of English countryside chic was one of the best of Milan Fashion Week. And his play on texture, mixing ribbed knits with tweed, fur and wool, can be recreated with items from your own wardrobe. Things to lust after from this collection included his shaggy patchwork coats in fox, lamb and chinchilla (some of the best furs shown all season), his trapeze shaped jackets, ribbed skirts and tights, and blouses with ruffled flourishes at the neckline — basically, everything.

Most awkward front row sighting

Alica Keys looking unusually stiff, sitting straight as a board, beside Anna Wintour at the Alexander Wang show.

The Supers return

Marc Jacobs's wins the prize for starriest catwalk with Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell, Carolyn Murphy, Carmen Kass and Karolina Kurkova all walking the runway for his Louis Vuitton show.



IF THE CLOTHES COULD SING A TUNE

The music always sets the tone for the clothes. We've rounded up some of the most memorable songs we heard at the shows. Pop these in your iPod and pretend you're at the shows.

- Christopher Kane - Reviewing the Situation, by Sandie Shaw
- Michael Kors - Native New Yorker, by Odyssey
- Vivienne Westwood - Ventriloquizing, by Fujiya, Miyagi
- Burberry Prorsum - You Don't Own Me, Dusty Springfield
- Chloé - Love Without A Limit, Mary J. Blige

Inescapable Adele

Fashion loves Adele! Her single, Rolling in the Deep, played at Cynthia Rowley, Costello Tagliapietra and Charlotte Ronson in New York. And her voice surfaced again at Burberry Prorsum in London — this time it was the song Someone Like You.



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life

Worst trend



► No thank you.

Dresses over pants

Do we want this trend to come back? We say hell to the no. It doesn't even look good on the models.

Most bizarre



► Moschino

Doing the chicken dance

Coco Rocha inexplicably walked the Moschino runway with a chicken on her head.



Jimmy Choo builds its brand on the look and life of co-founder Tamara Mellon

Being trendy without breaking the bank

► Karl Lohnes tells you how to decorate creatively ► Simple solutions like slip covers make all the difference

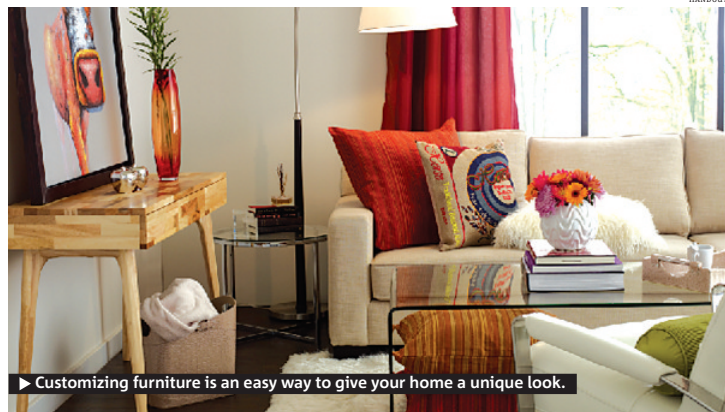
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In the old days our parents would look in a store window or a catalogue and buy the entire living room or bedroom set as they saw it; the mixing and matching was done for them and they were guaranteed a "pulled together," trend-setting room.

It surprises me that today, people buy only what they see in a showroom or



► Customizing furniture is an easy way to give your home a unique look.

online and don't bother asking about custom options. For about the same

amount of money and just a few weeks wait, you can have the room of your

dreams by customizing furniture, lamps, draperies and rugs to a style and colour that personally suits you.

The more you make something your own, the longer you will like it and the prouder you will be.

There's a new generation that wants affordability and flexibility when it comes to choosing their own furniture; and they want it at a fair price. More and more stores are offering custom choices when ordering furniture. Next time you're at a furniture store, consider the asking the following questions.

Can I change the fabric?

Most often the retailer has a huge array of fabrics to choose from; what you see on the furniture in their store is how they have ordered it. Don't be afraid to ask about changing a fabric choice to something more suited to your taste.

Urban Barn, a large Canadian furniture retailer with more than 40

stores in Canada offers 350 fabric choices, cushion styles and wood stains for their upholstered furnishings.

Are there wood stain options?

The most popular wood colour of the moment is dark espresso stain. It's been around for six to eight years and retailers often choose it for their showroom models as they are comfortable selling it.

Trends are changing and lighter wood tones are coming back in style. In particular, medium walnut stains and driftwood-coloured wood.

If you have cherry-wood kitchen cabinets and want a consistency with a wood table then ask the retailer if they sell your favourite table in a cherry-type stain.

Can the cushion fillings be changed?

Comfort in a sofa lies in its size and in the type of cushion.



If a sofa is long enough to lie down on yet has hard-foam cushions then it won't be very comfortable. A puffy-type cushion is usually a piece of foam wrapped in a layer of cotton baton or goose-down feathers. This gives support when you sit, with the cushy feeling. For a very modern sofa the

cushions are often all foam in order to give a clean-lined look to the cushions.

Fabric

Not all good fabrics are the most expensive. Fabric with a mix of synthetic fibres is good. They are often more durable and resist fading in the sun. Deep greys or patterned brights in accent seating are a trend right now.

If you are not looking for new furnishings you can still customize your space by slip-covering your upholstered furniture in humble fabrics like linen or washed denims.

Refinish an old cabinet with a grey stain or paint it a bright eye-popping colour. Die old drapes with an over-saturated fashionable colour (like turquoise or cranberry) to add a dramatic look to your room.

The best brown stain colour to choose for the legs of a sofa is dark walnut. It will blend nicely with everything no matter what the trends.

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Corned Beef & Potato Pancakes



► Make 16 potato pancakes with this recipe.

When the people of Dublin, Ireland elected their first Jewish mayor, Robert Briscoe in 1956, baseball legend Yogi Berra allegedly exclaimed, "Only in America!"

This St. Patrick's Day recipe for corned beef and potato pancakes with pickled cabbage creme fraiche was created in that same spirit.

Potato latkes, traditionally served at Hanukkah, are the inspiration for these crispy potato and onion patties.

But in this version, flavourful shreds of corned beef along with a pickled cabbage topping are added as a tribute to Ireland.

Be sure to use pre-shredded hash brown potatoes, which can be found in either the produce or dairy section of most grocers.

These are much drier than freshly grated potatoes and will ensure crispy results that hold together well in the frying pan.

If you can't find those, you can peel and shred your own russets.

But before cooking them, roll the shreds up in a clean dish towel, then squeeze out as much moisture as possible.

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) pickled or sweet and sour red cabbage
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) creme fraiche or sour cream
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour (approx.)
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 1 l (4 cups) fresh shredded potatoes or thawed frozen shredded potatoes
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped sweet onion
- 150 g (1/3 lb) thinly sliced corned beef
- 3 egg whites, whisked until frothy
- Peanut or vegetable oil, for frying

Preparation:

- In a medium bowl, stir together pickled or sweet and sour cabbage and creme fraiche. Transfer to serving bowl and set aside.
- In a small bowl, whisk together flour, salt, pepper and baking powder. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onion, corned beef, egg whites and reserved flour mix. Mix well to make a batter that is loose but holds together well, adding flour if necessary.

- In a skillet over medium-high, heat 1 cm (1/2 inch) of oil.

- Working in batches and using about 50 ml (1/4 cup) of batter per pancake, drop into oil, leaving several centimetres between pancakes. Flatten slightly with the back of spatula. Fry, turning once, until browned, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove to a paper-towel lined platter. Serve immediately with pickled cabbage creme fraiche.

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St. Patty's Day — it's about more than beer

► Irish cuisine, such as hearty stew and potato pancakes, steals the spotlight

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This traditional Irish stew, packed with potatoes and lamb, gets thrown into the slow cooker for easy preparation.

Preparation:

- Sprinkle both sides of lamb chops with half of the salt and pepper. Brown lamb all over, in batches, in skillet over medium high heat. Place in slow cooker. Add water to skillet and bring to boil scraping up brown bits. Pour liquid into slow cooker.

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs (1.5 kg) lamb leg or shoulder chops
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) water
- 3 onions, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) Italian parsley
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dry thyme
- 2 cups (500 mL) beef or chicken stock
- 2 1/2 lbs (1.25 kg) Ontario potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all purpose flour



► Lamb and potatoes are the stars of this Irish stew.

- Return skillet to medium heat and cook onions, carrots, parsley, thyme and remaining salt and pepper for about 8 minutes. Scrape into slow cooker. Add stock and potatoes. Cover and

cook on Low for 8 hours or until lamb is tender.

- In bowl, mash together butter and flour until combined. Uncover cooker; stir butter mixture into stew and cook

on high for 20 minutes.

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Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Pascal Amyot will play for the Dalhousie Tigers next season. Amyot, who is already a second-year part-time arts student at Dal, plans to study engineering in the fall. The 20-year-old has three goals and 21 assists for 24 points in 64 games this season.

Sports in brief

X-Men tie up AUS final

AUS HOCKEY. The Atlantic University Sport best-of-five men's final is tied at two games apiece. The St. Francis Xavier X-Men beat the UNB Varsity Reds 6-3 last night in Antigonish to even the series. Both teams already have spots at the University Cup national championship.

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Marchand to meet with NHL

NHL. Brad Marchand of Hammonds Plains will learn his disciplinary fate from the NHL today, according to the Boston Globe. The Boston Bruins rookie forward has a hearing with the league at 11 a.m. regarding his elbow to the head of Columbus Blue Jackets forward R.J. Umberger on Tuesday ● METRO

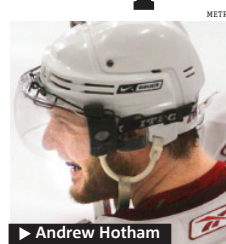


Huskies threesome take AUS top honours

The Saint Mary's Huskies' season may be over, but they cleaned up when the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey awards were announced yesterday.

Andrew Hotham, a fourth-year Huskies blueliner, earned the Kelly Trophy as most valuable player after leading the country in scoring among defencemen with eight goals and 29 assists for 37 points in 27 games.

Huskies head coach



► Andrew Hotham

Trevor Stienburg was honoured with the Bob Boucher Trophy as AUS coach of the year for the third time

in 14 seasons.

Cam Fergus, a fourth-year Huskies forward, won the Don Wells Trophy as most sportsmanlike player.

Hotham and goaltender Neil Conway were named first-team all-stars, with Dalhousie Tigers forward Benjamin Breault also earning a spot.

Fergus and Huskies defenceman David MacDonald were named second-team all-stars.

● MATTHEW WUEST

Herd take foot off pedal again in loss

► Outshot 34-25 overall and 25-13 after first ► Take 20-41-2-3 record into home tilt with Bathurst tomorrow



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Lesson not learned.

In a near carbon copy of a 4-3 home shootout loss to the P.E.I. Rocket last Wednesday, the Halifax Mooseheads squandered a 3-1 third-period lead and fell 4-3 in overtime to the Moncton Wildcats last night at the Metro Centre.

With just two games remaining in the QMJHL regular season, letdowns like this aren't going to get the Herd far when the playoffs open next week.

As Mooseheads captain Travis Randell said afterward, "two-goal leads should be more than enough to win a hockey game."

"We just try to wait out the clock," he said. "I think we're just sitting back,

"He played great. It was all because of his hard work."

MOOSEHEADS DEFENCEMAN STEVE GILLARD ON TEAMMATE TRAVIS RANDELL

looking at the clock, hoping time's gonna run out."

The loss overshadowed a tremendous night for Randell, who had two goals and an assist in the opening 12 minutes to give the Mooseheads a 3-1 cushion.

But in the third, Daniel Milan scored at 6:54 into a partially open net on an unsuccessful clearing attempt by Frederic Piche.

Daniel Pettersson found the net 63 seconds later on a blocker-side slap shot from the faceoff dot.

Sawyer Hannay's elbowing penalty as time expired cost the Mooseheads

the game, as Wildcats defenceman and Phoenix Coyotes first-rounder Brandon Gormley buried the winner at 1:32 with a hard point shot on the four-on-three advantage.

"We've been doing that a lot all year," admitted Mooseheads defenceman Steve Gillard. "We had a good first 40 minutes and we let off and let them back in the game. You have to seal it right away and win those third periods."

Randell thought he had his second career hat trick initially, but his second goal — the Mooseheads' first shorthanded tally of the season — was credited to Charles Bety during the first intermission.

"He says he put it in, so I guess I'll let him have it," said Randell with a grin.



► Moncton Wildcats winger Cedric LeBlanc and Mooseheads forward Charles Bety collide during the third period last night.

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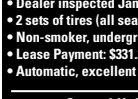
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Community Events

COMMUNITY MEETING
MOVING FORWARD THE
HRM URBAN ABORIGINAL NETWORK
(HRMUAN)

On March 20th, 2011, Aboriginal Community Members (including First Nation, Inuit and Metis, status and non-status) are invited to participate in a community meeting to endorse community priorities and the formation of HRM Aboriginal Network (HRMUAN). Add your voice to the HRMUAN! Lunch will be provided and details of a LOGO contest will be given. For more information, or if you cannot attend but would like to be involved with the HRMUAN moving forward, please contact:
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Sunday, March 20th, 2011 - 11:00 - 3:00
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6:00 to 7:00 Viewing
7:00 to 9:00 Auction

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Community Events

"Understanding and Treating Health Anxiety and Hypochondriasis" is a free, catered, public event providing information and promoting dialogue on definitions and epidemiology of health anxiety, causes of health anxiety, and treatments for health anxiety at Cafe Istanbul (5986 Spring Garden Road, Halifax) on Sunday, March 20th, at 1:00 PM. Be there!

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Spiritual

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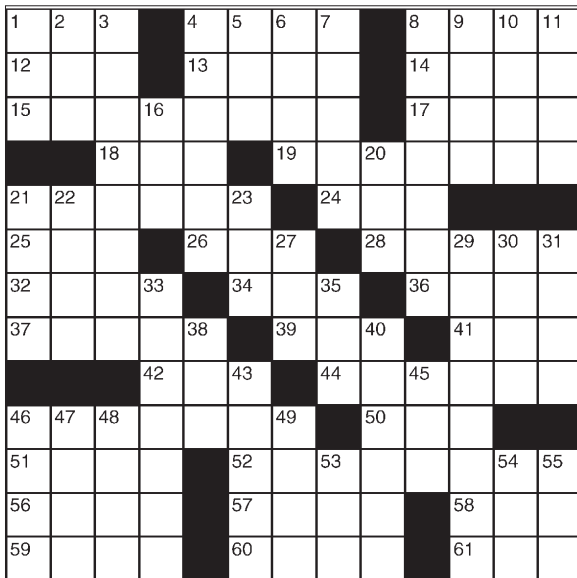
Crossword

Across

1 Existed
4 Homeless child
8 "That was close!"
12 Candle count
13 Frizzy haired
14 Frost
15 Affectionate
17 Satan's specialty
18 Illustrations
19 Corrupt
21 Savings overseer
24 — generis
25 Trench
26 Flop
28 New York town named for a former senator
32 Saharan
34 Unruly crowd
36 "— Only Just Begun"
37 Mother-of-pearl
39 Bankroll
41 Lair
42 Eggs
44 Slow down
46 Caruaba plant
50 Opposed to
51 "Sesame Street" favorite
52 Huge
56 Suitor
57 West Point team
58 Gilbert & Sullivan princess
59 Unsurpassable
60 Chows down
61 Police officer

Down

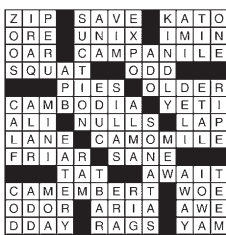
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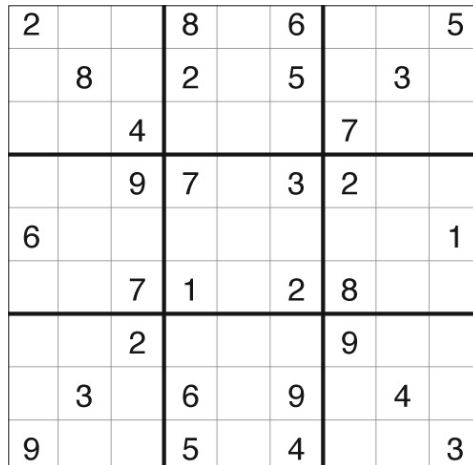
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4 Desired
5 Sternward
6 Rainbow
7 Concentrate (on)
8 Early show
9 Apiary structure
10 Eastern potentate
11 Reminder of a whipping
16 Noah's craft
20 Crony
21 Cereal choice
22 Emanation
23 Pirates' quaff
27 Part of DJIA
29 Showing off one's learning
30 Always
31 Make one's way
33 GED candidate
35 Prevent
38 Actress Longoria
40 Rots
43 Aquarium buildup
45 Heavy weight
46 Jimmy who wrote "MacArthur Park"
47 Sheltered
48 Yuletide
49 Actress Sorvino
53 Prime meridian hrs.

54 Altar affirmative
55 Upper limit

Weekend's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Weekend's answer

2	9	5	4	1	7	8	3	6
7	6	1	2	3	8	4	5	9
8	3	4	5	6	9	1	2	7
1	8	6	9	5	4	3	7	2
9	4	2	6	7	3	5	1	8
3	5	7	8	2	1	6	9	4
4	1	3	7	8	2	9	6	5
5	7	8	1	9	6	2	4	3
6	2	9	3	4	5	7	8	1

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You are ready and willing to start something new and exciting. But be advised that if you go off too soon, your efforts may fall short of expectations.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This should be a fun day for you, even though you have a lot of work on your plate. If you've fallen behind in your schedule get your friends to help you out — they'll gladly do so if asked. Then go and have fun.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There is still time to make a good impression on someone in a position of authority. Remember: You may know what you are capable of but that does not mean that he or she will know. Speak up.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Constant changes make it hard for you to plan too far ahead but in a way that's good because you will achieve more if you react to events rather than try to initiate them. Conserve your energy — you'll need it!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If there is something you need to say that may not be pleasant, either for you or other people, get it over with. Once the Sun changes signs this weekend, you'll have more important things on your mind.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It might be wise to steer clear of areas where you are not too sure of your ground. If you cannot avoid them, make sure you know where the exits are.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You like to pretend that your emotions are under complete control but it isn't true. Someone will try to upset you today but they will only succeed if you are not aware of what they are up to.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Cosmic activity in the work and well-being area of your chart will make this an interesting day, but everything will be OK if you stay calm and don't let anything upset your balance.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Go all out to prove that you have what it takes to succeed on the work front, but don't neglect affairs of the heart. Love can be just as rewarding as doing well professionally and financially.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 This should be a productive time for you, but for best results you must work as part of a team. Others may not be as committed or as ambitious as you but you still need them.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 From Sunday, life will become much more hectic, so it might be wise to conserve your energy over the next two or three days. Get plenty of rest and don't concern yourself too much with people's problems.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You have nothing to prove. Once you accept that, you'll find it easier to do what you want to do rather than what others want you to do. Learn to say, 'No.' **SALLY BROMPTON**

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